

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:664

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DISCONTINUATION OF TRAFFIC TO PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many Pakistanis have been left stranded in the country due to suspension of road, rail and air traffic;
- (b) if so, the number thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to make any schemes to send them back to Pakistan;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which such Pakistanis are likely to be sent back ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Although the exact figures indicating their numbers are not readily available, some Pakistani nationals did face the problem of returning to Pakistan after suspension of road, rail and air traffic.

(c) & (d): To facilitate their return travel, the Government of India, as a special case, allowed Pakistani nationals to exit either by road route at Wagha Check post or via any other third country by air or through any other authorized check post.

(e): While majority of Pakistani nationals have since left through Wagha check post or by air via a third country, the others should also be similarly leaving this country before the expiry of their visas.